(b) and (c) The Central Government are in the process of formulating a National Rural Connectivity Programme and have set up a National Rural Road Development Committee whose recommendations are awaited.

Employment generation schemes in Assam

1485. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any schemes and programmes to provide employment to the people of Assam in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) are the major employment generation schemes launched by this Ministry in rural areas throughout the country, including the State of Assam. The objective of JGSY is the creation of demand driven community village infrastructure and generation of supplementary employment for the unemployed poor in rural areas. EAS in the single wage employment programme for creation of additional wage employment through manual work for the rural poor. SGSY is a self-employment programme aimed at providing employment by establishing micro-enterprises in the rural areas.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Consolidation of land

1486. DR. GOPAL RAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that worried about the growing fragmentation of farm properties, the Centre has decided to conduct a massive operation for consolidation of land holdings, including computerization of all land records in the country;